

# GLENS FALLS COMMUNITY THEATRE: A Guide to Its Records

## OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.  
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,  
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Glens Falls Community Theatre.
- Title:** Glens Falls Community Theatre Records.
- Dates:** 1935-2005.
- Abstract:** The records primarily document theatrical productions of the Glens Falls Operetta Club and the Glens Falls Community Theatre, mainly through scrapbooks, programs, photographs, and related audiovisual material, including sound recordings, video cassettes, drawings, and posters. Some administrative records are also included.
- Quantity:** 7 cubic feet (13 boxes, plus one loose-leaf notebook).
- Identification Number:** Archives & Manuscripts: Organizations

## ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The Glens Falls Operetta Club was formed in 1935 by Edgar S. Pitkin, Director of dramatics, and Paul E. Bergan, Musical Director. The Club's first production in 1936 was the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, *H.M.S. Pinafore*. Soon thereafter the Operetta Club added oratorios and plays to its regular musical theater offerings. In 1989 the Glens Falls Operetta Club became the Glens Falls Community Theatre.

For a complete history of the Glens Falls Operetta Club from its founding through its first 50 years, see *Spotlight on Fifty Years, A History of the Glens Falls Operetta Club* by Donna Rae Gelder, 1986. This book contains a complete list of productions of the Glens Falls Operetta Club from 1936-1986, and in Box 12 this list of productions is updated through 1996.

(Cataloged in the Holden Collection and in Crandall's circulating collection- 792.0974 G)

## SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

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## ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

Records are organized into the following series:

Series 1. Scrapbooks, 1935-85.

Series 2. Programs (mostly playbills) of productions, 1936-1996 (not all productions are included).

Series 3. Photographs of productions, 1936-1996 (not all productions are included).

Series 4. Other audiovisual material, 1983-1986 (includes slides, audio recordings, and video cassettes).

Series 5. Constitution and By-laws, 1951?

Series 6. Treasurer's reports, 1951-1958.

Series 7. Records of the Publicity Committee, 1941-1959.

Series 8. Miscellaneous material, 1956-1996.

[In addition there is a box of oversize material, 1939-1994 (includes sound discs, photographs, a drawing, posters, scrapbook pages, and fans).]

## INDEX TERMS

<b>Topics:</b>	Musical theater—New York (State)—History. Theater programs—New York (State)—History.
<b>Places:</b>	Glens Falls (N.Y.)—History—Sources.
<b>Organizations:</b>	Glens Falls Community Theatre (Glens Falls, N.Y.) Glens Falls Operetta Club (Glens Falls, N.Y.)
<b>Important People:</b>	Pitkin, Edgar S. Bergan, Paul E.
<b>Form/Genre:</b>	Photographs. Scrapbooks.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Preferred Citation:** Glens Falls Community Theatre Records,  
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,  
Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, NY.

**Accession Information:** Received from the Glens Falls Community Theatre,  
mostly in 1986-1987, with some additions through  
2005.

**Processing Information:** Arranged and described by Katherine Philip Chansky  
and Albert Fowler, 1995-1998.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

### **Series 1: Scrapbooks, 1935-1985. 6 boxes.**

Scrapbooks mainly consist of newspaper clippings and playbills concerning the various theatrical productions of the Glens Falls Operetta Club.

Box 1: Scrapbook 1935 - 1941  
Copy of the above, 1935 - 1941

Box 2: Scrapbook 1941 - 1951  
Copy of the above, 1941 - 1951

Box 3: Scrapbook 1951 - 1955  
Scrapbook 1955 - 1959  
Scrapbook 1959 - 1962

Box 4: Scrapbook 1962 - 1966  
Scrapbook 1966 - 1977

Box 5: Scrapbook 1976 - 1980

Box 6: Scrapbook 1980 - 1985

Box 13 (Oversize): 2 annotated pages from scrapbook of Phyllis Barber Fisher. She compiled these pages in 1939-1940 while a student. Included are programs for Our Town (1939), Elijah (1939), and Robin Hood (1940).

### **Series 2: Programs (mostly playbills) of productions, 1936-2005. 2 boxes, plus one loose-leaf notebook.**

Arranged chronologically. Not all productions are included. Playbills for most productions through 1985 are included in the scrapbooks. For some years after 1960 program files also include announcement fliers listing productions scheduled for that season.

Box 7: 1936-1975

Box 8: 1975-1996

Loose-leaf notebook: 1985-2005

Addendum to "The Red Book": Fifty Years of Directors, Casts and Crews, Glens Falls Operetta Club, Glens Falls Community Theatre. Original programs compiled by Donna Rae Gelder, Historian. 2005. Programs begin in 1985.

**Series 3: Photographs (prints) of Productions, 1938-1996. 2 boxes.**

A large number of photographs of productions from 1936-1971 have been removed from the records and cataloged as part of the Crandall Public Library Photograph collection (CPL numbers 883-1104). See list at the end of this finding aid.

Box 9: 1938-1983.

Contains photographs of the following productions:

French Without Tears (1938)  
You Can't Take It With You (1940)  
Naughty Marietta (1947)  
Charley's Aunt (1948)  
An Inspector Calls (1948)  
The New Moon (1949)  
The Trial of Mary Dugan (1949)  
The Late George Apley (1951)  
The Desert Song (1952)  
Goodbye My Fancy (1954)  
Sabrina Fair (1956)  
Kismet (1959)  
Guys and Dolls (1960)  
Teahouse of the August Moon (1961)  
Roberta (1962)  
Li'l Abner (1962)  
Once Upon a Mattress (1963)  
The Gazebo (1964)  
The Pajama Game (1964)  
Music Man (1964)  
Little Mary Sunshine (1965)  
My Fair Lady (1965)  
The Sound of Music (1967)  
The King and I (1968)  
Save Me a Place In Forest Lawn (1968-1970)  
The Unsinkable Molly Brown (1968)  
Fiddler on the Roof (1971)  
Don't Drink the Water (1972)  
Oliver (1972)  
A Thousand Clowns (1973)  
Brigadoon (1973)  
See How They Run (1974)  
A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (1974)

**Series 3: Photographs (prints) of Productions, 1938-1996 (continued).**

Box 9: 1938-1983 (continued).

1776 (1976)  
The Lion in Winter (1976)  
A Time for Singing (1976)  
Bell, Book and Candle (1977)  
Oklahoma (1977)  
Forty Carats (1978)  
Hello Dolly (1978)  
The Royal Family (1979)  
Guys and Dolls (1979)  
The Miracle Worker (1980)  
Gypsy (1980)  
On the Twentieth Century (1981)  
King Clamor and the Silent Princess (1981-1983)  
On Golden Pond (1982)  
The Robber Bridegroom (1982)  
Barefoot in the Park (1983)  
The Mikado (1983)

Box 10: 1983-1996.

Contains photographs of the following productions:

South Pacific (1983)  
More of Loesser (1983-1984)  
Annie (1984)  
Life with Father (1984)  
A Christmas Carol (1984)  
Children's Theater (1984-1985)  
Deathtrap (1985)  
Zorba (1985)  
50th Anniversary Gala (1986)  
Dark of the Moon (1986)  
Anything Goes (1986)  
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1987)  
Man of La Mancha (1990)  
Nunsense (1994)  
60th Anniversary Gala (1996)

Photographs of Founders: Paul Bergan and E.S. (Ned) Pitkin

Glens Falls Operetta Club logo

Unidentified photographs

**Series 4: Other Audiovisual material, 1983-1986.**

Box 11:

Memory Sharing Get-Together, 1984

Photographs

Audio recordings (5 cassettes, with list of interviewees)

Photographic slides (35mm)

Barefoot in the Park (1983) - 1 box

South Pacific (1983) - 3 boxes

A Christmas Carol (1984) - 1 box

Playbills used in 50th Anniversary Gala (1986) - 2 boxes

Video cassettes

Mikado (1983)

Barefoot in the Park (1983)

Zorba (1985)

**Series 5: Constitution and By-Laws, 1951?** 1 folder.

Box 12

**Series 6: Treasurer's reports, 1951-1958.** 1 folder.

Box 12

**Series 7: Publicity Committee, 1941-1959.**

Box 12

Publicity information for various productions, 1941-1955

Outward Bound (1941)

I Remember Mama (1946)

The Gondoliers (1947)

Charley's Aunt (1947)

An Inspector Calls (1948)

Naughty Marietta (1948)

Mozart - Requiem (1949)

The New Moon (1949)

Sweethearts (1950)

Brigadoon (1951)

The Wizard of Oz (1955)

Other Publicity Committee files, 1951-1959 (1 folder)

includes some minutes, correspondence, membership material, cast applications, annual picnic announcements, and publicity material – incomplete file

**Series 8: Miscellaneous material, 1956-1996.**

Box 12

Zorba (1985) - Happy Anniversary Song by Stan Gericke (not performed)

50th Anniversary Gala (1986) - Program and script

50th Anniversary Gala (1986) - Prompt Book

Certificates (3)

Historical material

Newsletters (4 issues - August 1956, November 1968, September 1978, and January, 1979 )

Inventory of Records, 1982

Donna Rae Gelder, 1986-1996 -- A Sixtieth Anniversary Update of Appendices in  
*Spotlight on Fifty Years: A History of the Glens Falls Operetta Club*

**Complete container listing for Box 13: Oversize Material, 1939-1994.**

Scrapbook:

2 annotated pages from scrapbook of Phyllis Barber Fisher.

She compiled these pages in 1939-1940 while a student  
included are programs for *Our Town* (1939), *Elijah* (1939), and  
*Robin Hood* (1940)

2 photographs/drawings of Carnival? (1987?)

2 photographs of "Strange Bedfellows" (1959) - 1 of cast, one of a scenes from  
the

play -- both photographs from Mary Lou Noone

Drawing:

pencil drawing for "Zorba" by Set Designer, Tony Forcucci (1985) for Act I,  
Scene III (on display in Gallery 1995-96)

2 fans, with inscription "I'm a fan of Glens Falls Community Theatre"

Sound Recording:

"Glens Falls Operetta Club Presents"  
selections from productions, (1966?)  
2 33 rpm discs.

Posters:

Zorba, 1985

Brigadoon, 1994?

First National Bank, "The Glens Falls Operetta Club: Fifty Years Old and  
Still Playing a Role in the Community", (1985?) - framed poster



**Photographs of productions from 1936-1971 that have been removed from the records and cataloged as part of the Crandall Public Library Photograph collection. CLP identification number is provided.**

H.M.S. Pinafore	1936	CLP	883
H.M.S. Pinafore	1936	CLP	884
Patience	1937	CLP	885
Iolanthe	1938	CLP	886
Pirates of Penzance	1939	CLP	887
Robin Hood	1940	CLP	888
Potpourri of '43	1943	CLP	889
"The Gondoliers"	1947	CLP	890
"The Gondoliers"	1947	CLP	891
I Remember Mama	1946	CLP	892
A Thurber Carnival	1969	CLP	893
I Remember Mama	1947	CLP	894
Naughty Margetta	1947	CLP	895
Charley;s Aunt	1947	CLP	896
Charley's Aunt	1947	CLP	897
Charley's Aunt	1947	CLP	898
Charley's Aunt	1947	CLP	899
Charley's Aunt	1947	CLP	900
Charley's Aunt	1947	CLP	901
Charley's Aunt	1947	CLP	902
Naughty Marietta	1948	CLP	903
Naughty Marietta	1948	CLP	904
Naughty Marietta	1948	CLP	905
Naughty Marietta	1948	CLP	906
Naughty Marietta	1948	CLP	907
Naughty Marietta	1948	CLP	908
Naughty Marietta	1948	CLP	909
Naughty Marietta	1948	CLP	910
Naughty Marietta	1948	CLP	911
Inspector Calls	1948	CLP	912
Inspector Calls	1948	CLP	913
Inspector Calls	1948	CLP	914
Inspector Calls	1948	CLP	915
Inspector Calls	1948	CLP	916
Inspector Calls	1948	CLP	917
Inspector Calls	1948	CLP	917a
Inspector Calls	1948	CLP	918
Inspector Calls	1948	CLP	919
New Moon	1949	CLP	920
New Moon	1949	CLP	921
New Moon	1949	CLP	921a

**Photographs of productions from 1936-1971 (continued)**

New Moon	1949	CLP	922
New Moon	1949	CLP	922a
New Moon	1949	CLP	923
New Moon	1949	CLP	923a
New Moon	1949	CLP	924
New Moon	1949	CLP	924a
New Moon	1949	CLP	925
New Moon	1949	CLP	926
New Moon	1949	CLP	926a
New Moon	1949	CLP	927
New Moon	1949	CLP	928
New Moon	1949	CLP	928a
New Moon	1949	CLP	929
New Moon	1949	CLP	929a
New Moon	1949	CLP	930
New Moon	1949	CLP	931
New Moon	1949	CLP	931a
New Moon	1949	CLP	932
New Moon	1949	CLP	932a
New Moon	1949	CLP	933
New Moon	1949	CLP	933a
New Moon	1949	CLP	934
New Moon	1949	CLP	934a
New Moon	1949	CLP	935
New Moon	1949	CLP	935a
New Moon	1949	CLP	936
New Moon	1949	CLP	937
New Moon	1949	CLP	938
New Moon	1949	CLP	939
Trial of Mary Dugan	1949	CLP	940
Trial of Mary Dugan [no picture]	1949	CLP	941
Trial of Mary Dugan	1949	CLP	942
Trial of Mary Dugan	1949	CLP	943
Trial of Mary Dugan	1949	CLP	944
Trial of Mary Dugan	1949	CLP	945
Trial of Mary Dugan	1949	CLP	946
Trial of Mary Dugan	1949	CLP	947
Trial of Mary Dugan	1949	CLP	948
Trial of Mary Dugan	1949	CLP	949
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	950
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	950a
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	951
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	952

**Photographs of productions from 1936-1971 (continued)**

Sweethearts	1950	CLP	952a
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	953
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	953a
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	953b
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	954
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	955
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	955a
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	956
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	957
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	958
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	959
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	960
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	960a
Sweethearts	1950	CLP	961
Brigadoon	1951	CLP	962
Brigadoon	1951	CLP	963
Brigadoon	1951	CLP	964
Brigadoon	1951	CLP	965
Brigadoon	1951	CLP	966
Silver Whistle	1950	CLP	967
Silver Whistle	1950	CLP	968
Silver Whistle	1950	CLP	969
Silver Whistle [no picture]	1950	CLP	970
Silver Whistle	1959	CLP	971
The Gondoliers	1947	CLP	972
Finian's Rainbow	1952	CLP	973
Finian's Rainbow	1952	CLP	974
Finian's Rainbow	1952	CLP	975
Finian's Rainbow	1952	CLP	976
Finian's Rainbow	1952	CLP	977
Finian's Rainbow	1952	CLP	978
Finian's Rainbow	1952	CLP	979
Late George Apley	1951	CLP	980
Late George Apley	1951	CLP	981
Late George Apley	1951	CLP	982
Late George Apley	1951	CLP	983
Late George Apley	1951	CLP	984
Late George Apley	1951	CLP	985
Late George Apley	1951	CLP	986
Late George Apley	1951	CLP	987
Late George Apley	1951	CLP	988
Late George Apley	1951	CLP	989
Late George Apley	1951	CLP	990

**Photographs of productions from 1936-1971 (continued)**

Late George Apley	1951	CLP	990a
Late George Apley	1951	CLP	991
Late George Apley	1951	CLP	992
Desert Song	1952	CLP	993
Desert Song	1952	CLP	993a
Desert Song	1952	CLP	994
Desert Song	1952	CLP	994a
Desert Song	1952	CLP	995
Detective Story	1953	CLP	996
Detective Story	1953	CLP	997
Detective Story	1953	CLP	998
Detective Story	1953	CLP	999
Detective Story	1953	CLP	1000
Detective Story	1953	CLP	1001
Detective Story	1953	CLP	1002
Desert Song	1953	CLP	1003
Desert Song	1953	CLP	1004
Desert Song	1953	CLP	1005
Desert Song	1953	CLP	1006
Detective Story	1953	CLP	1007
Detective Story	1953	CLP	1008
Detective Story	1953	CLP	1009
Detective Story	1953	CLP	1010
Detective Story	1953	CLP	1011
Detective Story	1953	CLP	1012
Detective Story	1953	CLP	1013
Detective Story	1953	CLP	1014
Detective Story	1953	CLP	1015
Detective Story	1953	CLP	1016
Vagabond King	1953	CLP	1017
Vagabond King	1953	CLP	1018
Goodbye My Fancy	1954	CLP	1019
Goodbye My Fancy	1954	CLP	1020
Carousel	1954	CLP	1021
Carousel	1954	CLP	1022
Carousel	1954	CLP	1023
Carousel	1954	CLP	1024
Curious Savage	1955	CLP	1025
Curious Savage	1955	CLP	1026
Curious Savage	1955	CLP	1026a
Curious Savage	1955	CLP	1027
Curious Savage	1955	CLP	1028
Wizard of Oz	1955	CLP	1029

**Photographs of productions from 1936-1971 (continued)**

Wizard of Oz	1955	CLP	1030
Wizard of Oz	1955	CLP	1031
Reduce	1955	CLP	1032
Song of Norway	1955	CLP	1033
Song of Norway	1955	CLP	1033a
Song of Norway	1955	CLP	1034
Song of Norway	1955	CLP	1035
Song of Norway	1955	CLP	1036
Song of Norway	1955	CLP	1037
Song of Norway	1955	CLP	1038
Song of Norway	1955	CLP	1039
Song of Norway	1955	CLP	1040
Song of Norway	1955	CLP	1041
Song of Norway	1955	CLP	1042
Song of Norway	1955	CLP	1043
Song of Norway	1955	CLP	1044
Song of Norway	1955	CLP	1045
Song of Norway	1955	CLP	1046
Sabrina Fair	1956	CLP	1047
Sabrina Fair	1956	CLP	1048
Showboat	1956	CLP	1049
Showboat	1956	CLP	1050
Showboat	1956	CLP	1051
Showboat	1956	CLP	1052
Showboat	1956	CLP	1053
The Little Foxes	1957	CLP	1054
The Little Foxes	1957	CLP	1055
The Little Foxes	1957	CLP	1056
Wonderful Town	1961	CLP	1057
Teahouse of the August Moon	1961	CLP	1058
The Little Foxes	1957	CLP	1059
Teahouse of the August Moon [no folder or picture]	1961	CLP	1060
Annie Get Your Gun	1961	CLP	1061
The Solid Gold Cadillac	1962	CLP	1062
Li'l Abner	1962	CLP	1063
South Pacific	1963	CLP	1064
South Pacific	1963	CLP	1064a
The Music Man	1964	CLP	1065
The Music Man	1964	CLP	1066
The Music Man	1964	CLP	1067
The Music Man	1964	CLP	1068
The Music Man	1964	CLP	1069
The Music Man	1964	CLP	1070

**Photographs of productions from 1936-1971 (continued)**

The Music Man	1964	CLP	1071
Mr. Roberts	1965	CLP	1072
Mr. Roberts	1965	CLP	1073
Mr. Roberts	1965	CLP	1074
Mr. Roberts	1965	CLP	1075
Mr. Roberts	1965	CLP	1075a
Camelot	1966	CLP	1076
The Rainmaker	1966	CLP	1077
Kiss Me Kate	1966	CLP	1078
Kiss Me Kate	1966	CLP	1078a
Kiss Me Kate	1966	CLP	1078b
Kiss Me Kate	1966	CLP	1078c
Kiss Me Kate	1966	CLP	1078d
How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying	1967	CLP	1079
A Thurber Carnival	1969	CLP	1080
A Thurber Carnival	1969	CLP	1081
A Thurber Carnival	1969	CLP	1082
A Thurber Carnival	1969	CLP	1083
Mame	1969	CLP	1084
Cactus Flower	1970	CLP	1085
Cactus Flower	1970	CLP	1086
Cactus Flower	1970	CLP	1087
Cactus Flower	1970	CLP	1088
High Spirits	1970	CLP	1089
High Spirits	1970	CLP	1089a
High Spirits	1970	CLP	1090
High Spirits	1970	CLP	1090a
High Spirits	1970	CLP	1091
High Spirits`	1970	CLP	1092
High Spirits	1970	CLP	1093
High Spirits	1970	CLP	1094
High Spirits	1970	CLP	1094a
High Spirits	1970	CLP	1095
High Spirits	1970	CLP	1096
High Spirits	1970	CLP	1097
High Spirits	1970	CLP	1097a
The Haunting of Hill House	1971	CLP	1098
Fiddler on the Roof	1971	CLP	1099
Fiddler on the Roof	1971	CLP	1100
Fiddler on the Roof	1971	CLP	1101
Fiddler on the Roof	1971	CLP	1102
Fiddler on the Roof	1971	CLP	1103
Fiddler on the Roof	1971	CLP	1104